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SOURCE

1. On 1 June 1953, source determined that a Quartiernutzungsabteilung (billeting section) had been established under the Deputy for Economic Affairs of the Ministry of the Interior. Lieutenant Colonel Rochlitzer Johanner formerly head of the Eggesin construction headquarters, was appointed head of this new section which was to accept and furnish buildings completed by the Bauunionen and to hand over these buildings to the individual KVP units following orders of General Herrn Hoffmann, Deputy for Training. The billeting section was assisted by an Auftragsabteilung (section in charge of orders) which was headed by Major Lomp (fnu).¹
2. A branch office of the billeting section headed by Captain Buchmann (fnu) was established in the former ODD camp on Vierecker-Land Strasse in Pasewalk. Captain Pohlmann (fnu), formerly construction supervisor at Object IX in Spechtberg was deputy chief. Billeting equipment of every description at a rate of allegedly four carloads per day was stored in a shed of the former Kuerassier Kaserne since about early May. The billeting equipment was manufactured by factories in East Germany. As the shed at the Kuerassier Kaserne was almost filled up at the time of observation, efforts were initiated to make additional space available. Billeting equipment was also stored in two sheds of the former Mansfeld Plant on Franz-Wienholz Strasse in Prenzlau. These sheds covered an area of 100 x 30 meters each and, allegedly, received six carloads of equipment per day.²

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1. Comment: A Quartiernutzungsverwaltung (administration) rather than Abteilung (section) subordinate to the Deputy for Economic Affairs has already been in existence since late 1952. The information on the missions of this agency is correct. Lieutenant Colonel Rochlitzer was previously reported as chief of this administration.

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2. Comment. It is still not definitely clear whether the Quartiernutzungsabteilung in Pasewalk is under the control of Armeegruppe Nord or subordinate to the Quartiernutzungsverwaltung at the Ministry of the Interior. It was previously believed that Quartiernutzungsabteilungen (sections) were also attached to the headquarters of the Army Groups or Territorial Administrations.

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